

Niles Police Department

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Annual
Report

2020

Established 1864



Niles Police Department 2020 Annual Report



From the Desk of the Chief

Thank you for reading our annual report. What a rough year 2020 was for everyone. Law enforcement has always been a challenging profession but 2020 made it even more so. The Niles Police Department was at times forced to change some operational procedures to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even with these changes, our basic tasks of answering your calls for service and controlling crime remained the same. The department had to do some lineup shuffling a few times when some officers had to be quarantined but our numbers on the street each day were unreduced. 2020 also saw the hiring of two new Patrol Officers as Wesley Washington and Zachary Zigmont joined the force helping to replace the retirements of Captain Tony Johnson, Officer Chris Mannella, and Officer Tim Hewitt. Lieutenant Daniel Adkins was promoted to Captain and Officer Richard Bayless to Lieutenant. The COVID-19 pandemic did not decrease our workload as the department documented a total of 16,145 calls for service in 2020 which is an increase from 13,950 in 2019. Officers only had to use physical force (which is documented if above simple handcuffing or escort holds) eight times during those calls for service. This means during all of the calls that officers went on this past year they had to resort to using force only .0005% of the time. I think this is an amazing statistic that counteracts some of the current narrative about policing. This low number of use of force incidents also speaks to the quality of our officers and their training. More good news is that although we had an increase in calls for police services in 2020, our violent crime was lower from 2019. The City of Niles had no recorded homicides during calendar year 2020 which has not happened in quite some time. Our department has finally almost completely modernized our patrol fleet. Three 2020 Ford Explorer Interceptors were purchased in 2020. Two of those vehicles were purchased from funds generated by the police impound lot. We now only have five (one used as a spare) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria sedans that are nearing the end of their life cycle. Our full time Street Crimes Unit had a full year of work on the streets and the results are impressive. You will find a new section of this report detailing their activity. The unit has conducted saturation patrols in areas of high drug complaints and conducted "bait car" operations in our retail area to deter thefts from vehicles. 2021 will hopefully see the current pandemic subside and allow us to continue to keep this department on the path set by myself and my command staff. The men and women of the Niles Police Department look forward to serving and protecting Niles in a hopefully better year 2021.

Chief Jay Holland



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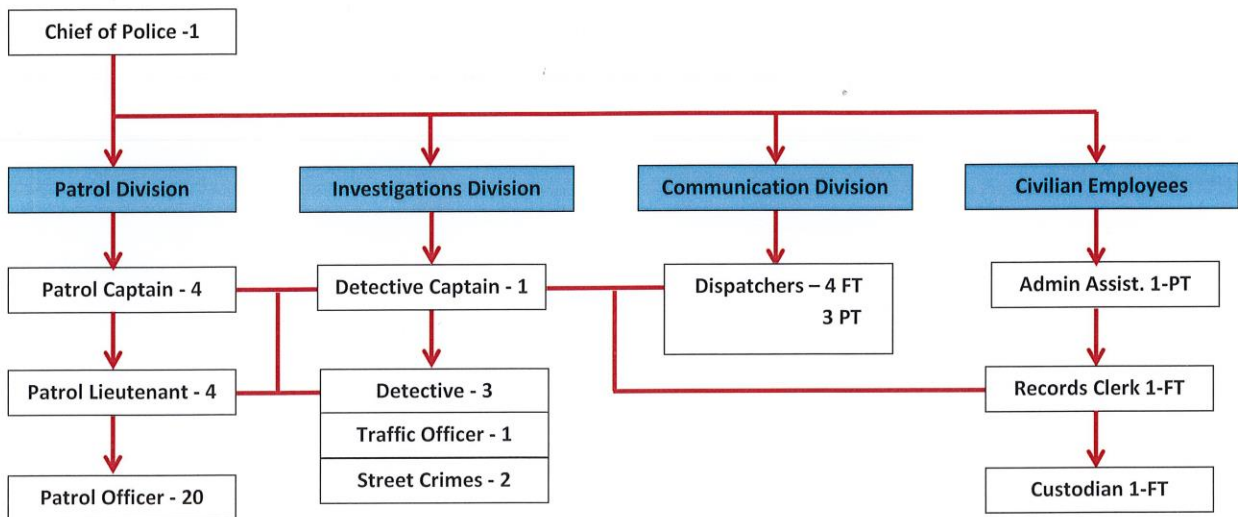


Organizational Chart

Authorized Strength 36 Full Time Sworn Police Officers



NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT Organizational Chart



Supervisor Team 1 (Day) – Capt. Marshall/Lt. Bailey

Supervisor Team 2 (Day) – Capt. Villecco/Lt. Clay

Supervisor Team 3 (Night) – Capt. Adkins/Lt. Bayless

Supervisor Team 4 (Night) – Capt. Miketa/Lt. Cox

Patrol Day Turn –Hogan, Marhulik, Mobley, Myers, Townley, Gall

Patrol Afternoon Turn –Helmick, Reppy, Ifft, Greene, Hacker, Haupt

Patrol Midnight Turn – Pike, Brady, Walp, Vallas, Washington, Zigmont

School Resource Officer – Corll

Investigations – Capt. Thou, Det. Wright, Det. Aurilio, Det. Roberts, T.O. Crank, Grabosky, Young



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Total Calls for Service

16,145

KEY 2020 NPD STATS

Homicide 0

Theft 372

Overdose 101

Assault 94

Burglary 49

Domestic Disputes 213

Domestic Violence Arrests/Charges - 112

911 Calls made to Niles Dispatch Center- 11,855

Alarm Drops 878

Traffic Stops 1,713

Traffic Citations 511

Business/Residential Spot Checks 2,982

Vehicles Impounded 354

Use of Force Incidents 8 (2 with Taser deployments)

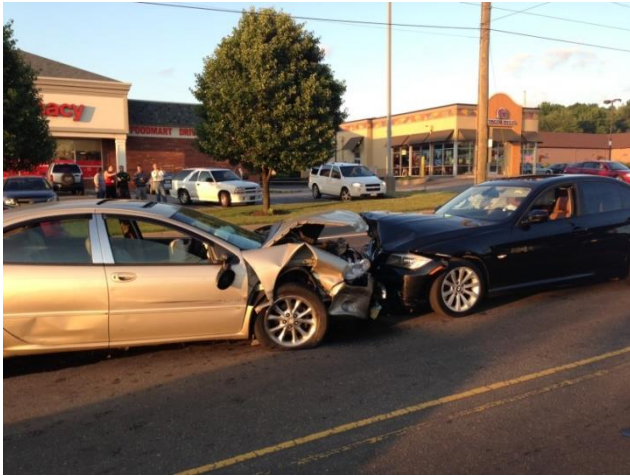




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Traffic Statistics



Total Crashes - 390 (80 Injury 309 Non-Injury 1 Fatality)

Top 3 Crash Locations

1 - US 422 / Youngstown-Warren Rd.

2 - SR 46 / Main St.

3 - SR 169 / Robbins Ave.

Traffic Stop Information

Traffic Stops - 1,705

Traffic Citations -511

Verbal Warnings - 1,194

Most Cited Offense - Driving Under License Suspension



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2020 Detective Bureau Activity



Total Cases Assigned – 638

Homicides – 0

All suspicious/unattended deaths the city had in 2020 were determined to be natural causes or accidental.

Most severe non homicide crimes:

- **April 8th Felonious Assault/Endangering Children of a two-year-old victim** – Cleared by the arrest and conviction of Gavin Butterfield.
- **June 8th shooting of Johnathan Stapleton**- Cleared by arrest but a no bill was handed down from Grand Jury.
- **October 9th Home invasion of elderly resident**- Cleared by the arrest of Leonard Powell of Niles

25 Sexual assault complaints were investigated

- **July 3rd Rape with weapon of a live-in partner** – Cleared by the arrest of Scott McCleary (Trial Pending).



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2020 Street Crimes/Drug Unit Activity

Drug Complaints that warranted investigation in 2020 - 65

Number of search warrants executed - 2

Traffic Stops Conducted - 604

Citations Issued - 134

Arrest Warrants Served - 97

Total Units of Drugs Seized - 148 *Breakdown below*

**Heroin - 34 Units Methamphetamine - 30 Units Marijuana - 46 Units
Crack/Cocaine - 11 Units Scheduled RX's - 16 Ecstasy/Molly - 11 Units LSD - 2**

Drug Abuse Instruments Seized - 52

Firearms Seized - 2

Cash Seized - \$16,274.95

- **Street Crimes officers were deputized as Deputy DEA agents to join Operation Legend, a federal initiative to combat violent crimes in cities. This is a joint effort between FBI, ATF, DEA, US Marshalls, and local police to keep citizens safe and violent offenders off the street.**
- **Street Crimes officers participated in a 40+ case federal RICO case roundup, making arrests in Niles and other jurisdictions.**
- **Three drug investigations that began in Niles were turned over to DEA, resulting in federal prosecutions.**
- **Many low level drug arrestees were offered the chance to join Judge Shaker's NARP program to seek treatment.**
- **Increased presence during holiday shopping season, including the use of a bait vehicle.**



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Fleet Status and Mileage



Total Miles Patrolled in 2020

2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor

271,719

Fleet Roster by Year/Model

2015-2020 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility - 24

2018-2019 Ford F150 Police Responder - 2

2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor - 5

Unmarked/Plainclothes vehicles - 6